



e-Therapist Bulletin – September 2007

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NEW THERAPY SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE TIME FRAME EXTENDED

An August special edition of the *e-Therapist Bulletin* announced the Division of Developmental Disabilities' intent to implement a new rate schedule for therapy services effective September 2007 for billing beginning October 2007. The *Division is delaying implementation of the new rate schedule until October 2007*, with billing beginning in November. As reported in the August *e-Therapist Bulletin*, the new rate schedule will be based on the zip code of the consumer's residence as opposed to the current process of billing based on the provider's travel. So as to build capacity in rural and difficult to serve areas, the new rate model is built on a tiered structure, reflecting the perceived difficulty in serving that area including a "base rate", adjusted by 10% for Tier 1, 25% for Tier 2 and 50% for Tier 3. The new rate schedule will include rates for both clinic-based services and those provided in a natural setting. Rates for natural settings will be higher than clinic rates to reflect the time associated by the provider traveling to and from the service site.

A Rate Book for Therapies will be made available for provider use, with a Therapy Rate Lookup Tool to assist providers in determining what rate to bill, including the tier designation for a zip code. For additional information, providers are invited to attend one of three sessions being held:

- September 7-TUCSON-11:00 am-1:00 pm
Community Resource Center
In-service Room, Building 10
4710 E. 29th St.

- **September 12-PHOENIX-2:00 pm-4:00 pm**
ADOT Building
Auditorium - Room 107
206 S. 17th Avenue
- **September 13-PRESCOTT-1:00 pm-3:00 pm**
Prescott Police Station
222 S. Marina St.

Because of the interest in the new therapy rate schedule it may take us a little while to return your phone call or email. We will be happy to answer your questions as soon as we can or invite you to take the opportunity to talk with us at one of our September meetings instead.

